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In re Application of

Steven A. Bogen, et al.

Serial Number: 10/823,368

Filed: April 12, 2004

For: SLIDE STAINER WITH HEATING

DECISION

ON

PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition to Make Special because of Actual Infringement, filed under sections 37 C.F.R. 1.102 and 708.02 II of the MPEP on April 12, 2004, regarding the above-referenced application. The fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid. The petition meets the requirements of section 708.02 II of the MPEP.

If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, the examiner should consider such application simultaneously with this case and should state in the official letter of such application that the examiner is taking it out of its turn because of a possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken or this case become involved in interference, then consideration of the appeal or interference will be expedited by the Patent and Trademark Office, contingent upon diligent prosecution by applicant.

After allowance, this case will be given priority for printing. See MPEP 1309.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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